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SUBJECT: OLYMPIC AIRWAYS PILOTS THREATEN FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR STRIKE

REF: ATHENS 7206, 10/3/74 AND 2907

1. OLYMPIC AIRWAYS PILOTS THREATEN FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR STRIKE MAY 2 AND 3, ON BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ROUTES, FOLLOWING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WARNING STRIKE APRIL 27 ON DOMESTIC ROUTES ONLY.

2. OLYMPIC SENIOR OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD VISITING REGIONAL CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AND ACCOMPANYING EMBREP THAT PILOTS' PRINCIPAL DEMAND IS 9.9 PERCENT PAY INCREASE, WHILE COURT-APPOINTED PROVISIONAL OLYMPIC MANAGEMENT OFFERS 5 PERCENT. PILOT'S DEMAND UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTEDLY REPRESENTS AVERAGE PAY INCREASE GRANTED BY SIX EUROPEAN

AIRLINES (KLM, BOAC, SWISSAIR, ALITALIA, SABENA AND SAS) IN 1974, TO WHICH OLYMPIC PILOTS WOULD NORMALLY BE ENTITLED ON BASIS 1970 AGREEMENT. BECAUSE OF AIRLINE'S STRAITENED ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, OLYMPIC MANAGEMENT URGED PILOTS ACCEPT FIVE PERCENT PAY INCREASE, WHICH PILOTS REJECTED.

3. OLYMPIC OFFICIAL ALSO ASSERTED OLYMPIC PILOTS ARE PRIVILEGED CLASS OF GREEK EMPLOYEES, THEIR TAKE-HOME PAY EXCEEDING THAT OF US PILOTS CONSIDERING THE OTHER SPECIAL ADVANTAGES THEY ENJOY, INCLUDING ALLEGED THREE PERCENT INCOME TAX.

4. COMMENT: OLYMPIC PERSONNEL STRIKES HAVE ALREADY CAUSED THE AIRLINE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL LOSSES. STRIKE DURING GREEK EASTER HOLIDAYS, WHEN FLIGHTS ARE SOLIDLY BOOKED, WILL UP ANTE WITH TRADITIONAL LABOR TACTIC OF USING FORCED INCONVENIENCE TO CONSUMERS AS PRESSURE ON MANAGEMENT.
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